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Fall Exercise of the Reinforced 12th Gds Tank Div

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REFERENCES

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Information

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1. On 11 October 1954, 40 two and three-axle armored personnel carriers, 12 armored scout cars, 100 trucks, 30 jeeps, 12 sedans and 12 field kitchens arrived in the Neuglienicke section of the Wittstock training grounds from the direction of Rheinsberg.

Tents were pitched and field fortifications were built. A major headquarters was located south of Neuglienicke.

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2. In the morning of 14 October, a major exercise was held south of Wittstock. After the exercise, a column with trucks

guns was entrained at the Wittstock railroad station. Columns with AA guns marched to the station for entraining.

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3. In the evening on 15 October, a shipment with 11 T-34/85 tanks

1 BA-64 armored scout car, trucks and 4 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets passed through Kremmen. The train went from Wittstock to Dallgow-Doeberitz. Prior to 1400 on 15 October, 6 shipments had reportedly been loaded for Dallgow-Doeberitz at the Wittstock railroad station. On 15 October, the roads in the Wittstock area were blocked by marching units.

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4. At 1635 on 14 October, a train of 22 flatcars and 4 boxcars carrying trucks and personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia passed through the Neuruppin railroad station. The train came from the direction of Wittstock. Colonel Tyulenyev from Schoenwalde was seen on the train. At 0815 on 15 October, the unloaded train was seen at the loading ramp of the Fliegerhorst installation (2381) in Schoenwalde.

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 **Comment.** For information on the fall exercises of the 12th Gds Tank Div . According to the reference report,  and the present report, the division was reinforced by elements of the 2n Light Arty Brig from Doeberitz and elements of the 31st AAA Div from Schoenwalde.  The assumption that units of the 1st Mech Div participated in the exercises as enemy group is confirmed by the present report. The transfer of tanks to and from the training area was observed. Wheeled elements of the division probably moved there by road.

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